Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Generally I have found that people go there after 5 or 5.30. So, after a short time they are asked to vacate. Therefore, I think that it will be advisable to allow people to remain there till dusk.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There are dangerous animals and it is not advisable to go without light.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I say, when it is night-fall, don't allow them to go.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* During certain periods of the year it gets dark by about 6 and at other times by 7. Therefore, we have to make some distinction between the times.

Mr. President: During certain periods of the year it can be opened till 6.30.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ. പൊതു ഒഴിവു ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ അവ ക്കു ജോലിവെക്കുകയും, ബാക്കി ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ അവക്കു Holiday കൊടുക്കുക യും ചെയ്യാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്പിള്ള. സാധാരണമായി വെള്ളിയാഴ്ചയല്ലാത്ത എ ല്ലാദിവസങ്ങളിലും അവക്കു വക്കിംഗ് ദിവസമാണു. Every week, Friday is the only holiday.

President: Now the question arises whether you should not give them holidays.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government see that on Pooram days the museum is open for a couple of hours in the afternoon?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്പിള്ള. അതിൽ രണ്ടു സംഗതികളുണ്ടു. അവരും ഈ നാട്ടുകാരാണു. കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ഒരിക്കൽ ഒരു പൂരമാണു വരുന്നതു. ആ പൂരത്തിനു എല്ലാ നാട്ടുകാരും കാണാൻപോകയും ഇവർ അവിടെ ഇരുന്നു മൃ ഗങ്ങളെ നോക്കിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കട്ടെ എന്നു വെക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാൽ അതു അവ ക്കു വളരെ സങ്കടമായിരിക്കും. അന്നുകാലത്തു ഹാഫ്ഡേ മാത്രമാണു അ വക്കു ജോലിയുള്ളതു.

LANDING PLACES AT ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI—INCONVENIENCES CAUSED

91. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they are aware of the inconveniences caused at the landing places both in Ernakulam and Mattancheri, not having sufficient depth of water for the landing of the ferry boats at times, to the passengers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* At the landing place at Mattancheri there is sufficient water. There is some

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inconvenience at the landing place at Ernakulam, especially during low tides.

92. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

what would be the estimate for keeping the Ferry landing places at Mattancheri and Ernakulam with adequate facilities for convenient landing of passengers, at all times throughout the year, by remedying the shortage of depths of water, that causes the inconveniences?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* At Mattancheri there is no shortage of water. At Ernakulam, there is some inconvenience, especially during low tides. Dredging the approach on the Ernakulam side is estimated to cost Rs. 950. This expenditure will have to be incurred annually, as dredging will have to be done every year.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know how many times the Hon'ble Member for Engineering has gone by the ferry boat to Cochin?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I have not gone in the ferry boat in 1115.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I tell the hon'ble member that his information that there is sufficient water at all seasons is absolutely false?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Even though I have not travelled in the ferry boat this year, I have seen several ferry boats landing in Mattancheri.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* There is no question about that. May I tell him that at times boats have to be landed three or four boats on this side, so that we have to cross all these four boats. That is how we land there. There are several members from Mattancheri who will testify to this.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Then how is the last one staying there?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The last one is on the land. The second one is in the mud. The third one is in little mud and water and the last one in shallow waters.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Generally it is not like that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* For about 4 months.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is due to the congestion of boats in the jetty.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* Does the Chief Engineer know of a court case against the ferry company on account of a person falling into the water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We have constructed a new jetty where there is no insufficiency of water.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is said that 950 rupees will be required for dredging. Then why is it not done? What is the recurring income you get from the ferry?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The question of dredging the Ernakulam shore is practically a difficult one. Without having a proper dredging equipment, it is not really possible to do the dredging of about 600 feet in the backwaters to a depth of at least three or four feet. Since our dredger is not in a good condition, it has not been possible to do this last year.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* To do this work with a dredger it requires only 950 rupees. Then why can't you ask the harbour people to help us to do this work with this amount?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not think their dredger can reach the shores of Ernakulam and I also do not think they will do it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Why can't you seek their help?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I will look into the matter.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽഹാജി ഇബ്രാഹിംസേട്ട്. മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിൽ വെള്ളമില്ലെന്നു ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർക്കു ബോദ്ധ്യമുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലൊ, അതു് ഉള്ളതാണോ എന്നു് അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ. എനിക്കു കിട്ടിയ റിപ്പോർട്ടു് അങ്ങിനെയാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽഹാജി ഇബ്രാഹിംസേട്ട്. ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനെന്തെങ്കിലും നിവാരണം വരുത്താമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ. ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുകണ്ടാൽ നോക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. ഇയ്യു. ഡ്രെഡ്ജ് ചെയ്താൽ ഈ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടു മാറുകയില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ. തൽക്കാലം മാറുമെന്നേയുള്ളു. അതുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ പിന്നേയും പഴയപോലെ വന്നുകൂടും.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you get sufficient water in this basin?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The basin has to be dredged every year. It is easy to dredge this, because you can close the opening to the backwaters and pump the water out. This cannot be done in the open backwaters.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN EAST CHALAKKUDI

93. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct some buildings at Government cost at eastern Chalakkudi for renting to officials and non-officials who want to take advantage of the Chalakkudi river in the hot summer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is not this suggestion worth considering, because some of the officers are going to Coonoor, etc., in the summer?

ROADS IN PANANGAD AND KUMBALAM—PROGRESS MADE IN THE CONSTRUCTION

94. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made so far, in the matter of the construction of roads in Panangad and Kumbalam, as per the Road Board Scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

The acquisition proceedings relating to the sites required for the roads are in progress.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to begin the actual construction work this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be completed in 1116.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government consider the desirability of starting the work at once in order to afford relief to the people?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

LANDING PLACES AT BRITISH COCHIN, ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI

95. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Would the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the joint funds of Cochin, Travancore and British (Madras or India) Governments have been used for the building of the water-chamber at Victoria Jubilee Jetty at British Cochin to make the

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